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SUBJECT: TAIPEI TRANSIT

REF: MANILA 11653

1. YOUR PLANNED TRANSIT STOP IN TAIPEI DOES PRESENT PROBLEMS. DESPITE YOUR BEST EFFORTS, I FEAR THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO AVOID SIGNIFICANT PRESS PLAY AND, POSSIBLY, ATTEMPTS EITHER BY ROC OFFICIALS OR LOCAL PRESS TO MEET WITH YOU AT AIRPORT.

2. CONSEQUENTLY, WOULD HOPE THAT YOU COULD FIND SOME CONVENIENT, LOW-KEY WAY TO CHANGE YOUR ITINERARY TO AVOID TAIPEI STOPOVER. I REGRET HAVING TO RECOMMEND THIS BUT BELIEVE YOU SHOULD AVOID THE TAIPEI TRANSIT. HABIB

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